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Tributes to bravery of 'most loving boy' Max

WARM tributes have been paid to a five-year-old boy who lost his fight against leukaemia – just as his courage and bravery was recognised by a national charity.

Little Max Burgess, of Spindle Road, Haverhill, who also had Downs Syndrome, received a special star-shaped trophy from Cancer Research UK while in Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, receiving chemotherapy treatment for a recurrence of his cancer.

Tragically, he died at the hospital on Saturday.

The youngster attended St Felix

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Primary School and remained remarkably cheerful despite spending much of his short life in hospital.

Originally diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukaemia (ALL) in October 2005, Max underwent more than two years of treatment at Addenbrooke's, before going into remission.

But in November his mother noticed one of his eyes was inflamed and investigations revealed leukaemia cells had recurred and he had to undergo further chemotherapy.

Max was nominated for the Little Star award by his great aunt, Yvonne Barauskas, who described him as "the most loving little boy in the world".

His parents, Joanna Burgess and Ross Gaforg, said: "Max always coped

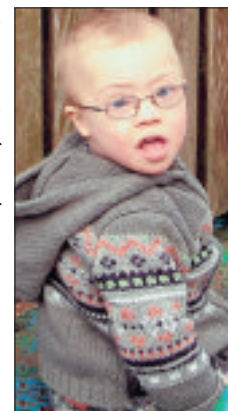
admirably with his extensive medical treatment, but his illness ultimately became too much for him.

"He was always happy throughout his treatment, it was not in his nature to be sad. He was just the most loving child anyone could asked for, he really was. But there is some sense of relief for me and his dad that he is not in pain any more.

"Words cannot describe the grief we feel at losing our smiling boy. He brought much love and happiness into our lives and nothing will ever fill the gap now he has gone."

Jane Redman, spokesperson for Cancer Research UK in Suffolk, said: "All of us at Cancer Research UK are extremely sorry to hear the news that Max has passed away and we extend our heartfelt sympathy to his family."

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■ BRAVE BOY... Max Burgess.



Model cafes on show

PUPILS and their parents have been finding out more about healthy eating together as part of a school project.


New Cangle Primary School in Haverhill held an exhibition of "healthy eating cafes" which the children have made at home working alongside their parents.

The children made models of their cafes and the foods to be stocked in them at home, which they took in to be displayed in an exhibition at the school.

The work was part of "Healthy Me" topic work which was

very well supported by parents of the children in Years 3 and 4 at the school. In the new venture parents were asked to get involved in their children's homework and work together with them on various topics. Organiser Nicola Barton said: "The response has been tremendous and there was an astonishing range of innovative ways to get the information across. All the models were displayed for the rest of the school to see and the children's parents were invited into school too to see the exhibition."

■ HEALTHY PUPILS... from left, Phoebe Mackay, Bethany Whiting, Brianna Digby, Kealan Boon, Thomas Harvey and Ella Lange. Picture: Duncan Lamont 527172.



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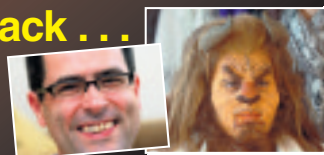
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Illuminating visit for new chaplain

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ST NICHOLAS Hospice's new chaplain from Ghana has visited Haverhill to officiate at the town's annual Light up a Life service.

Reverend Charles Amoah officiated at the annual event which the Hospice organises in Haverhill and other towns around West Suffolk, at which town mayor Les Ager and Ian Norris from the hospice read out names of 60 people whose relatives wanted to remember them at Christmas lighting up a tree on the Market Square. Music was provided by the orchestra and singers from Samuel Ward Arts and Technology College.

The Rev Amoah was paying his first visit to Haverhill and was happy to learn about the success of the *Weekly News* St Nicholas Hospice at Home Appeal, which has reached £30,000 of its £40,000 target.

The cash will be used to pay for in-home hospice services for patients in and around Haverhill, saving them the 40-mile round trip to the Bury St Edmunds hospice.

He said: "What I saw about the place was beauty, it was very good and people made me very welcome."

"It is amazing news about the appeal if we could have every community raising £30,000 for us it would make our work so much easier."



■ PATIENTS' COMPANION...
the Rev Charles Amoah.

CP.

"Hospice at Home is an important priority for us and the appeal is very good innovation I would love to see emulated in other communities."

The Rev Amoah, 42, moved to Suffolk for his role with St Nicholas, although his wife and four children remain in Ghana at present, but hope to join him soon.

He was previously senior pastor at the Triumphant Baptist Church in Kumasi, Ghana.

He holds a bachelor of theology degree, and is also a trained hospital

chaplain, who has studied in Ireland and at the Philippines Theological Baptist Seminary in Ghana.

The Rev Amoah said: "Suffolk is so beautiful, neat and clean. I come from a city of 3 million people - everything here seems so laid back."

"I used to work in hospitals, where everyone was always rushing about and under pressure. The hospice feels more like a home - it's very peaceful. It's also more innovative, with tailored care for each patient -

it's definitely the place for me.

"The hospice is a comforting place, where people can find solace in times of trouble. I try to provide companionship and empathy. If that helps, I'm happy."

He sees the chaplain's role as a "companion on a journey" of those facing crises in their lives, and eventually hopes to become an authority on pastoral care issues, and to establish training centres in Ghana and abroad.



How can you help us hit the target?

WE CANNOT reach our target without your help - so the *Weekly News* wants to hear from anyone who is organising fund-raising discos, barbecues, dances or other events to boost the hospice appeal.

Tell us what you are planning and we will help publicise your event to make sure it is a success and raises as much money as possible.

If you already have an event organised, why not pledge all or part of the proceeds to the appeal and benefit from the extra publicity to help a really good cause.

A special bank account has been set up at Barclay's Bank. Cash or cheques can be paid in directly to the St Nicholas Hospice at Home Appeal, sort code 201612, account number 80981842.

An on-line donations page has also been created at www.justgiving.com/haverhill, which also gives details of how to donate by text, and you can donate by phone on (01284) 715582, at the hospice shop in High Street, Haverhill, or the *Weekly News* office in Queen Street, Haverhill.

'Mean' theft of disabled club's bingo gear

MEMBERS of a club for people with disabilities have been upset by a mean thief who stole their electronic bingo calling machine.

The club meets every Thursday at the Salvation Army Hall in Chauntry Road, Haverhill, and has 11 members who have mainly sensory

disabilities, but enjoy a game of bingo.

They raised enough money to pay for the £179 machine, which makes it easier for partially sighted members to play bingo.

Kathleen Williams, organiser of the club, said previously the machine had been locked away in

a cupboard, but as there was a problem with the floor of the cupboard they were asked to store it behind a screen instead.

After the hall was used for a table sale, they discovered that the machine was gone.

Mrs Williams said: "We have been meeting

there for nine years and it is a really nice friendly club.

"They love a game of bingo and it just seems so unfair that they raised the money and now someone has taken it."

"It is such a mean thing to do. It is not really a lot of use to anyone else, unless they sell it."

"It is just such a mean thing to do and will deprive our members of a lot of pleasure, unless we can buy a new one."

Anyone who has any information about the bingo calling machine can contact Haverhill police on (01284) 774100 or Haverhill Volunteer centre on (01284) 708444.

Tributes to Max for his courage

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"It was a privilege to be able to present Max with a Little Star award in recognition of his bravery in fighting cancer. He will always be remembered as a shining beacon of courage."

Wendy Lashmar, head teacher at St Felix Roman Catholic Primary School, said a Book of Memories had been opened at the school.

She said: "Everyone has their own special memories of Max, but you cannot remember him or see a picture of him without having a smile on your face. That was what he did for everybody, he was very special. The number of people that he influenced in his short life was phenomenal. We feel blessed to have known him."

A celebration of Max's life will take place at West Suffolk Crematorium on Tuesday at 12.45pm, at which everyone is welcome. Family flowers only are requested, but donations can be made to Addenbrooke's Ward C2, care of H.J Paintin Ltd.



■ **WINNERS** ... back from left, Keith Limon, of Sports Partnership, Darren Woodward, headteacher, and Elena Kitsis with pupils, front from left, Jessica Tabram, eight; Hollie Miller, seven; Katie Noakes, seven; Isaac Betts, eight; Sophie Green, nine; Joseph Powley, eight; and Nolan Holleyman, nine.

Picture: David Johnson 526515.

Trophy honour for school of fast learners

SUPERFIT pupils at a village primary school have received their trophy for beating all the other village and town schools in the district at an athletics tournament.

Some of the eight members of the winning team from Kedington Primary School

were presented with the trophy by sponsor Benny's Barbecue in Haverhill. The local School Sports Partnership organises an annual athletics tournament, but because Haverhill Leisure Centre is closed for refurbishment, two separate events were held this year

for village and town schools. The Kedington Year 3 and 4 pupils, aged eight and nine years, won their event at Clare Middle School and were also found to be overall winners when their scores were compared to teams at the other event.

Kedington Primary School has 117 pupils who headteacher, Darren Woodward, said were generally very fit and active. He added: "We were very pleased to win. They were a very good bunch and did really well."

Plea to invest time in credit union scheme

WITH the downturn biting work is underway to establish a credit union in Haverhill which will enable members to save safely, budget ahead and obtain fair loans if needed.

Representatives from Haverbury Housing Partnership and St Edmundsbury Borough Council, who are backing the plan, were in the marketplace this week to hand out information about proposed savers accounts with Trading Standards and the Credit Union.

They have already helped set up a Bury St Edmunds branch which now has 103 accounts.

Jez Robbins, of Haverbury, said: "We need a group of volunteers who will help get the credit union up and running."

"There is a small pot of Government money to pay for start-

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up costs but it needs some local people who can get involved and give their ideas. For example collection points will need to be identified, such as the local library, where credit union members can regularly come to make payments into their account."

"Credit unions are well established across the country and because we will be under the umbrella of the well established Ipswich and Suffolk Credit Union guidance will be readily available."

Cllr Sara Mildmay-White, portfolio holder for community at St Edmundsbury Borough Council, said: "We helped set up a credit union in Bury St Edmunds some time ago, and it's proved extremely popular and

very useful. We hope the scheme in Haverhill will be equally as successful.

"Joining brings many benefits and is a great example of members of the community working together for mutual benefit. It will also ensure that people can access loans safely and legitimately, without the need to go to doorstep lenders or loan sharks."

The credit union is of particular help to those on low incomes who are having difficulty opening an account with a high street bank or in getting a debit or credit card, and who want to save or budget regularly.

Anyone interested in the Haverhill group should ring Sally Chicken on (01473) 690690, who is co-ordinating training for volunteers which is due to start in January.

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HOMELESS people will be able to get a meal each morning when Haverhill Town Council sets up its own breakfast club.

Members agreed on Monday to allow the town's Arts Centre to be used and to submit a bid for a project worker to operate the scheme from 8am to 9am for a three-month trial period.

A report to councillors said there were a limited number of homeless in Haverhill, but there was real concern for their health during the winter.

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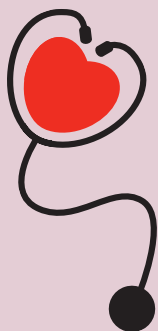
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■ **MAKING A DIFFERENCE** . . . Haverhill foodbank administrator Ann Merrigan, centre, receives the cheque from Rhodri Rees, left, and Paul Cammiss, from Adams Harrison.

Solicitors back local charities

A FIRM of solicitors decided to help feed the hungry rather than send out Christmas cards this year.

Local solicitors Adams Harrison, presented a cheque for £400 to the Haverhill Foodbank on Friday, with the cheque handed over by managing partner, Paul

Cammiss, to administrator Ann Merrigan.

Mr Cammiss said: "For some years now our firm has made donations to charity instead of sending out corporate Christmas cards. We feel it is much better to make a contribution to the community as a

whole. This year we are supporting very local charities from each of our three offices. In Haverhill we are supporting this newly established charity, the Haverhill Foodbank."

"From Saffron Walden we are supporting the Saffron Walden Teenage Cancer Trust and at our

newly-opened office in Sawston we are supporting OWL (Opportunities Without Limits).

"The charities that we support are charities recommended by our staff and at this time of year we know how important these sort of donations are."

Food bank gets generous support

BY Jo Deeks

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A FOOD bank launched just three months ago has seen one-and-a-half tonnes of items donated.

Henry Wilson, of the Haverhill Christians Against Poverty group, said the aim was to provide a safety net to bridge the gap for people who found themselves suddenly in crisis through redundancy, illness or other causes.

Speaking about the scheme at the Haverhill Partnership Forum, he said people had been very generous with their support.

The foodbank works with social services and other

organisations to identify people who need help.

They are given vouchers which can be exchanged for at least three days' worth of food, free.

Henry said: "At Christians Against Poverty, we help people with debt issues and I was with a single mum trying to improve her situation, who had decided to go back to work. It was just after one Christmas, there was a delay in the benefit system and she had hardly any money at all."

"She was paying for gas and electricity on cards, which is

more expensive, and finding it very hard to make ends meet.

"Sometimes people have to decide whether to be warm or buy food."

"Sometimes people buy food rather than pay their rent and then they can be in danger of being evicted."

"We can get food to people in a matter of hours and we are saying to them 'pay your rent and we will feed you.'"

Dry goods and tins with a good shelf life can be donated to the foodbank at the Next Door cafe next to Haverhill Methodist church on Fridays from 1-3pm and at St Mary's Church on Friday and Saturday mornings.

Nominations for NHS governors due

PEOPLE interested in standing for election as a governor of West Suffolk NHS Foundation Trust have four weeks to return their nomination papers.

The notice of election issued by Electoral Reform Services states that nomination papers must be received at its office in London by noon on January 12.

Candidates will then be asked to supply a 100-word statement on their

reasons for wishing to become a governor. Ballot papers will be distributed to about 4,300 public members by January 30 and should be returned to Electoral Reform Services by February 19.

The election will decide which candidates will fill the 14 public seats on the board of governors. Hospital staff will vote for five staff seats, while representatives

from NHS Suffolk, NHS Norfolk, local councils, voluntary groups and other partner organisations will fill the board's eight remaining seats.

Chris Bown, trust chief executive, said "The setting of this election timetable is key as we move towards Foundation Trust status."

Last month, Alan Johnson MP, Secretary of State for Health, gave

his backing to West Suffolk's bid to become a Foundation Trust. Monitor (the independent regulator of Foundation Trusts) will decide on the trust's application from February onwards.

Nomination papers are available from Tom Colling, returning officer, tel 0208 8899203, or the Electoral Reform Services, The Election Centre, 33 Clarendon Road, London, N8 0NW.

Trio are top of the class

THREE childcare workers from Haverhill have recently graduated with BA honors degrees in education.

Elaine McManus, who

has been the leader of the Stepping Stones playgroup for many years, attended the graduation ceremony at Anglia Ruskin University in

Chelmsford with Abbey Hinton from Dizzy's Day Nursery and Sandra Linnane, who is a teaching assistant at Coupals Primary School.



■ BACK TO SCHOOL... left, graduates Elaine McManus and Abbey Hinton with, above, Sandra Linnane. CP



Expansion fears 'scaremongering'

By Jo Deeks

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A HAVERHILL resident has slammed an MP and six councillors for 'scaremongering' which he believes could stifle the proper development of his home town.

Last week MP Jim Paice and six South Cambridgeshire district councillors called for a halt on new development at Haverhill until traffic problems at the A1307 and in adjoining villages are solved.

But Mick Smith of Shadowbush Close, Haverhill, said authorities had had years to deal with traffic problems in this region, but had failed to do so and allowed dangerous road junctions to be created along the A1307 over the years, rather than more costly, but safer roundabouts.

Although he accepted that the

road was very busy at rush hour, Mr Smith said the deaths on the road had not happened at these times and it was "pathetic" to use this as an excuse to prevent the development of Haverhill.

He said: "To use that to prevent our town being properly developed so that we too may enjoy the privileges the people of the city of Cambridge can enjoy is unacceptable.

"If they cannot get their road infrastructure sorted it is their problem and not ours. It is not and never has been our fault, no matter how many new homes we produce for our citizens."

Mr Smith urged central Government to do more, arguing: "It is they who wanted the East of England to help ease the terrible congestion in the home counties,

and it is they who must provide our region with a much more comprehensive road infrastructure.

He claimed that building another 3,000 homes in Haverhill would not "have anything like the impact" feared by "scaremongering" opponents, unless Cambridge did push ahead with two new satellite towns.

Mr Smith added: "How dare they try to stop others developing and improving, when they are doing twice the damage themselves?

"I accept that the A1307 does need some serious work doing to it and that will cost the citizens living along that route extra money.

"What I do not accept is that they should be allowed to try to stop our town and our borough and our county doing what we consider is best for us."

Credit crunch rent review

A SOCIAL housing group is reviewing its annual rent rise for tenants in light of the credit crunch.

The board of Havebury Housing Partnership will look again at the amount agreed for its annual rent increase, and every tenant will be contacted in February with details of their new rent which will take effect from April.

Steve Cook, Havebury's chief executive, said: "We have been prompted by the prospect of deflation to look again at the rent level we are proposing for the financial year beginning April 1, 2009.

"We are consulting with all our board directors including the tenant board directors and our aim, given the tough economic climate, is to limit the rent increase as much as possible, while still ensuring Havebury is strong for the future.

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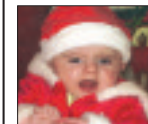
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Carols for 33rd year

THE popular Carols for All concert, which has been held for more than three decades, will take place at Haverhill's Old Independent Church on Sunday. The event starts at 8pm and features Haverhill Silver Band, Haverhill Operatic Society and organist Nigel Brown. Les Ager, musical director of the Silver Band and Haverhill town mayor, said: "This is the 33rd year of this event - I have conducted at all of them - which normally attracts the largest audience of any indoor event in the town. It will feature items by the band under their conductor Mark Ager; choir items, an organ solo from Nigel Brown and traditional carols for the audience." Admission is £5, and free for accompanied children under 12.

BMX bike stolen

A BROWN BMX bike with a white seat and only one brake has been stolen from a back garden at Haverhill. The theft happened at Glemsford Place between 9pm last Wednesday and 8.30am last Thursday. Anyone with information can phone Pc Ian Davies at Haverhill police on (01284) 774100.

DVDs gone from car

A DVD player and DVDs were stolen by thieves who broke into a black Ford Focus by smashing a window. The theft happened at Ladygate, Haverhill, between 8.30am and 12.20pm on Thursday, December 11. Anyone with information can phone Pc Andrew Green at Haverhill police on (01284) 774100.

Police meeting

SUFFOLK police's Rural South Safer Neighbourhood Team will be holding a surgery on Saturday, December 27, at Wixoe by the Church, from 3pm to 4pm.

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■ **WILD RIDE** . . . above, young and old bring out their sleds to enjoy a ride in the snow. Below, this pair pick up speed down a hill on the Chalkstone estate. Both pictures were taken in February 1991. Pictures: 526307/526303.



All our pictures are available for purchase. Phone (01223) 434207 with the reference number below each photograph.

All I want for Christmas . . .

As the countdown to Christmas begins, we take a trip back down Memory Lane to festive days of old. The pictures, from our own archives, show the joys that come with snowfall as children play in the school grounds – snowball fights and fun on sleds putting a smile on the faces of youngsters across Haverhill and surrounding areas . . .



■ **SNOWED IN** . . . above, a woman looks out for customers from a post office in Haverhill in February 1979. Below, a light dusting of snow in January 1985 was enough for this group of young boys. Pictures: 526300/514573.



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New walk-rate has made us physical wrecks, say posties

BY Raymond Brown

Email: editorial@haverhillweeklynews.co.uk

POSTAL workers have criticised what they claim is an edict from bosses demanding that they do their rounds faster, saying they are "physically wrecked".

The Communication Workers Union claims postmen and women were being told to walk at a speed of 4mph, much faster than a previous target of 2.4mph.

Postal workers complained they were being pressured into walking quicker to complete their rounds under cost-saving measures.

Since it was revealed that several postal rounds in Cambridge have been cut, causing a massive backlog of post at Henley Road delivery office, there have been many reports of delivery problems.

Now a postman, who did not wish to be named, has hit out at his bosses.

He said: "They have told us to walk at a faster pace but we come in all shapes and sizes. There are 18 and 19-year-olds who are as fit as a butcher's dog and have no

trouble but the ones in their 50s and 60s would struggle to go at that pace. We just ignore the order and our managers know we do. It's unworkable.

"We are already overstretched and that has been causing late deliveries. We are physically wrecked."

The union said delivery workers were being pressed to complete "unrealistic" rounds to gain financial savings.

However, Royal Mail has denied the union's claims. The row flared up over a software system that originated in Canada, which is now used in many countries, including the UK, to plan delivery walks.

A union official said: "Royal Mail has altered the system to meet budgetary savings, not to consider the actual physical realities of delivery rounds."

"Managers in problem areas are putting delivery

workers under undue pressure to complete unrealistic rounds.

"In some offices this is leading to bullying and harassment by managers trying to force delivery workers to take on larger rounds, work beyond their finish time and refusing to pay overtime. In extreme circumstances this is leading to suspension and even sacking."

The Royal Mail has denied that anyone was being bullied or harassed and claims the teething problems in Cambridge have now been solved.

Royal Mail said it required its delivery workers to walk at 2.1mph, rather than the 4mph the union claims.

A spokesman said: "Royal Mail would never ask or require postmen and women to do anything they are not capable of performing."

"It is simply nonsense to suggest that we require anyone to deliver the mail at an average walking speed of more than 4mph."



■ ROW... Royal Mail has dismissed workers' claims.

Thieves target lorries

THIEVES stole fuel from a lorry at one company's premises in Haverhill and attempted a similar theft at another at the weekend.

Police are linking the incidents, the first of which was at Rookwood Way between 11.15am last Saturday and 5.40am on Monday, when intruders broke into a compound by removing a gate and stole fuel from a lorry.

At Helions Bumpstead Road between 12pm on Saturday and 7.45am on Monday, a compound was broken into by removing a padlock and the intruders attempted to steal fuel from a lorry, but nothing was taken.

Calls in relation to these incidents should be made to Pc Guy Turnbull at Haverhill police on (01284) 774100 or Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555111.



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Over the 12 days of Christmas an estimated 80,000 people will be involved in accidents in their homes, according to statistics by The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (ROSPA).

Many of those will happen in the kitchen during the food preparations, or while putting up the decorations.

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Here is a list of the 12 pains and perils of the festive season with guidance from the experts to ensure the season is merry rather than marred by mishap or ailments.

■ 12 STEPS TO FALL OFF

Falling off a stepladder while putting up Christmas decorations sounds like an obvious hazard but it's one of the most common accidents, according to ROSPA.

Check steps aren't faulty, ensure they're placed on an even surface, and get someone to hold them steady as you climb.

■ 11 FLAMING PUDDINGS

One-in-10 Britons manage to burn themselves while attempting to flambe or blowtorch their Christmas puddings.

Be careful just how much alcohol you use on your pud. If the worst should happen, GP Dr Rob Hicks advises letting cold water from the tap run over the wound for 10 to 15 minutes.

■ 10 NASTY TUMBLES

Tripping over because of excitable pets, the children's remote-controlled presents or slipping on cast-aside wrapping paper is highly likely, especially

after a few sherris.

Keep accidents to a minimum by removing any old wrapping paper from the floor and placing unopened presents out of the way.

■ NINE EXPOSED WIRES

Every year we all get the same fairy lights out of the attic, spend hours de-tangling them and think that they're as good as new.

Old lights should be carefully checked for loose, frayed or bare wires, broken bulbs and cracked plugs. If they're looking shabby, buy some new ones.

■ EIGHT POUNDING HANG-OVERS

Alcohol is a diuretic, which can lead to dehydration. Alternate each alcoholic drink with a glass of water, and drink plenty of water before going to bed. Natural remedies may also help.

■ SEVEN RAGING HEAD-ACHES

Coping with the stress of creating the perfect Christmas (and dealing with the relatives!) can trigger stress headaches or those pesky cold and flu viruses.

■ SIX TROUBLED TUMMIES

Every year in the UK undercooked turkeys cause food poisoning, spoiling

Christmas for thousands of people.

Cook bird and stuffing separately; don't wash the turkey before cooking as this can splash harmful bacteria around the kitchen; defrost your turkey in the fridge or at room temperature allowing one hour per 450g (1lb) and make sure it's covered and doesn't touch other food. For further advice, visit www.food.gov.uk

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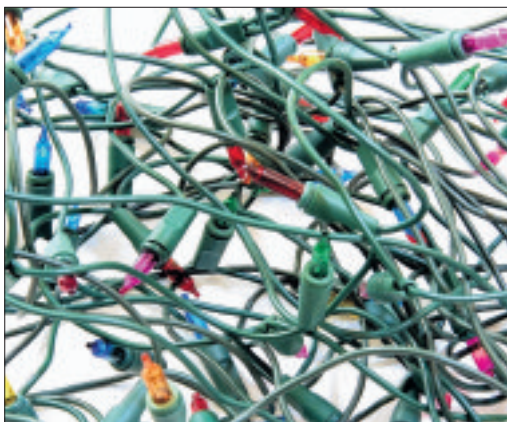
Opening the presents is a highlight of Christmas day but using sharp scissors, penknives or even keys to get into the parcel can result in cut fingers, grazed knuckles and potential

tears. So be careful when peeling of the wrapping paper.

■ **FOUR COURSE INDIGESTION**
Large portions and rich meals can add up to a



■ **WATCH OUT** ... any sort of tumble can cause a lot of aggravation.



■ **LIGHTS** ...
Christmas decorations involving electricity need to be handled very carefully.

troubling dose of indigestion.

Its medical name is dyspepsia, encompassing a collection of symptoms including a pain in the chest, often called heartburn, as well as bloating or burping (wind).

"Rest your stomach by not eating when you feel like this," Dr Brewer says.

"Antacids such as Remegel can be effective, or drinking a glass of milk to settle the tummy."

■ **THREE BURNT FINGERS & HEAD!**

In a quest for sleek and straight party locks, 38 per cent of women accidentally burn themselves with their hair straighteners while getting ready to go out at Christmas, according to a survey of 4,000 people conducted by Acriflex Cooling Burns Gel.

Acriflex Cooling Burns Gel, £3.99 for 30g, is a preservative-free non-sticky

gel, which is easily absorbed into the skin. For advice on how to avoid and deal with household burns, visit www.burnsadvice.co.uk.

■ **TWO COLDS & ONE FLU**
Prevention is better than cure. Tesco Flu Jab service is available in its pharmacies until end of January 2009, and a jab costs £10.

"It's worth taking herbal remedies such as echinacea to help ward off colds and flu," Dr Brewer suggests.

"Research has shown that echinacea decreases the odds of developing a cold by 58 per cent and the duration of colds by a day-and-a-half."

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How stunning decorations can be so easy

MAKING homemade Christmas decorations doesn't have to be an intricate, time-consuming task.

Horticulturalists Gill and Cliff Plowes, explain how to make traditional Holly spheres.

Holly spheres, according to Gill, are among the easiest and most effective decorations, which can be done in minutes once you have all your materials and look stunning.

To make a holly sphere you'll need a dry oasis ball (around the size of a tennis ball), a yard of curling ribbon (which is strong) or raffia, and some wire, all available from all good florists.

Of course, you will also need holly from the garden, but if you don't have any, ask a neighbour if you might snip off some sprigs and perhaps you'll find time to make another for them too.

First, pierce the ribbon with a piece of florist's wire

so you can thread the wire and ribbon right through the centre of the oasis ball, knotting the ribbon or making it into a loop at the bottom and securing it further by threading more wire through the loop and into the oasis, to secure the decoration when it is suspended.

It doesn't really matter if it looks a bit untidy at the bottom, because the foliage will cover it when the sphere is finished.

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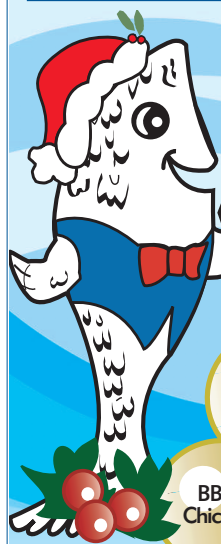
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When you are picking your holly, use end pieces, allowing for two to three pairs of leaves and then trim the bottom pair of leaves off so you have an inch of clear stem.

"Starting at the top of the sphere, put in pieces of holly around 2.5-3in long, adding small bits of conifer as you go, working around the ball until it is all covered," says Gill.

By eye, make sure the foliage is even and fill in any gaps with other evergreens, she says.

This will look great on its own, although other bits and pieces can also be added including seed heads and cones, which may be better glued on.

You can tie a bow at the top of the sphere with the remaining ribbon and then suspend it from your hanging basket bracket.

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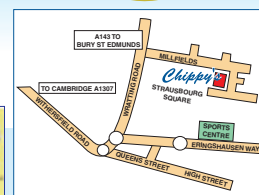
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Setting a festive table is an art form itself!

CREATING the perfect Christmas dinner table can require just as much effort as the meal itself!

TV's House Doctor, Ann Maurice, a consultant for TK Maxx believes that the essence of a successful Christmas lies in the personal details. She says: "Whether it's fruits or leaves you've sprayed gold and silver, or strands of ivy picked from the garden wound around chair backs, or maybe just a winding row of tiny coloured glass containers holding tea lights down the centre of the table."

"I think a table should look as magical as possible. It's better to stick to a two-colour theme and one of my favourite combinations this year is burnt orange and lime green. I'm using a gold table runner, bronze baubles, and either green napkins or plants."

Ann warns that a centrepiece shouldn't be too high so that people can't see each other or easily talk across the table, and says: "Place labels adorned with a tiny photo of each guest pinned to each napkin, and a tiny gift like sweets in a pretty package or box beside each plate will make your table unique."

If you're time-poor, Sally Bendelow head of home design at Marks and Spencer, says: "Mixing plain white tableware with boldly coloured charger plates, glassware or decorations is a foolproof way of quickly getting a great effect."

"Then pop left-over tree baubles into tall clear vases and display one or two as a



■ **A VERY PERSONAL EXPERIENCE** . . . the setting for a Christmas table is just as important as the meal.

simple, but stunning centrepiece or simply fill the centre of a wreath with a pyramid of coloured baubles."

The best tables are those with surprising effects – a striking colour scheme or imaginative details – that don't simply rely on coloured napkins or a seasonal tablecloth.

So on your marks get set, and guarantee yourself some compliments on Christmas Day, regardless of your culinary skills.

■ **PURPLE PASSION:** Followers of fashion know that purple's this season's fave colour.

It looks stunning teamed with silver or gold, or let it reign undiluted. Marks and Spencer has everything for purple fans. It has Shanghai purple charger plates, £5 each, matching Shanghai baubles, from £1, a sequin wreath tree-topper, £50, garlands from £5, and ultra luxury purple

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'Tis season to be jolly

THE new Christmas comedy *On the 12th Day of Alex* takes to the stage this Friday.

The show at CB2's on Norfolk Street, Cambridge, has been written by local playwright Paul Richards and features live music. It follows the travails of Alex who has everything he needs except a girlfriend so he decides to visit Santa and ask him for some help.

There will be shows at 8pm and 10pm. Tickets are £5 and all proceeds will go to Cancer Research.

Amuse your little monsters this holiday

WITH the voices of John Cusack, Steve Buscemi and John Cleese, *Igor* (PG), showing at the Haverhill Arts Centre on Saturday at 11am, is a hilarious twist on the classic monster movie. Igor's sick of being a lowly lab assistant with a Yes Master's degree and dreams of becoming a scientist.

When his cruel master kicks the bucket a week before the annual Evil Science Fair, Igor finally gets his chance. It will also be showing on Monday, January 5, at 11am.

■ Back by popular demand *Mamma Mia!* (PG) is showing this Friday at 7.45pm and Saturday at 2.30pm and

7.45pm. In this sing-along version, lyrics appear on the screen so you can join in with the songs! Over 24 chaotic, magical hours, new love blooms and old romances are rekindled. If you like Abba, you will love this! Come along and test your vocals! ■ The arts centre will be closed from Christmas

Day until Monday, December 29, for the festivities. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to one and all from the centre staff! The first films after the holidays are *Igor* (PG) showing on Monday, January 5, at 11am, followed by *Quantum of Solace* (12A) at 2.30pm and 7.45pm.

Turn again, turn again, for Panto fun

Morrissey makes date

MORRISSEY has announced a UK tour which takes in Cambridge Corn Exchange on May 16.

The former Smiths frontman will be touring in support of his new album *Years of Refusal* which is due for release in February. Tickets go on sale tomorrow. To book call (01223) 357851.

Five are live

THE Junction's monthly Fiver night returns this Friday with a lineup of local indie talent.

The night sees music from Rosalita, Alpha Road, The Running Mayfairs, Yellow Garage, You, Me and Them Club and The Jacqui McQueens. Tickets are £5.

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By Jo Deeks

CLASSIC PANTO fun can be had at Haverhill Arts Centre this Christmas – oh yes it can!

Dick Whittington and his cat, and the baddiest of all baddies, King Rat, tread the boards, along with heaps of slapstick, oodles of over-the-top costumes, stacks of audience participation, and a good dash of mild innuendo for the mums and dads.

Performed by The Panto Company, who have previously brought hits such as *Humpty Dumpty* and *the Incredibly Daring Rescue*, *Sleeping Beauty* and *Robinson Crusoe* to the arts centre, *Dick Whittington* tells the story of ambitious Dick who leaves his home in Gloucester to make his



■ **LOOK BEHIND YOU**... The Panto Company is bringing Dick Whittington to the Haverhill Arts Centre this week.

fortune in London, because his father has told him that the capital's

streets are paved with gold. When he gets to London

he gets a job in Alderman Fitzwarren's shop and falls in love with the Alderman's daughter Alice but fears he is too poor to marry her.

The baddie King Rat is constantly trying to get one over on poor Dick so he sets off on a great voyage to Siam. Here he makes his fortune and returns to England to become Lord Mayor of London.

Performances take place on Monday, December 22, at 3pm and 7pm, Tuesday, December 23, at 11am and 3pm and Wednesday, December 24, at 11am and 3pm.

This year there is a special family ticket price of £30 for two adults and three children. Other tickets are £9.50 and £7.50 concessions, available at the Box Office by calling (01440) 714140.

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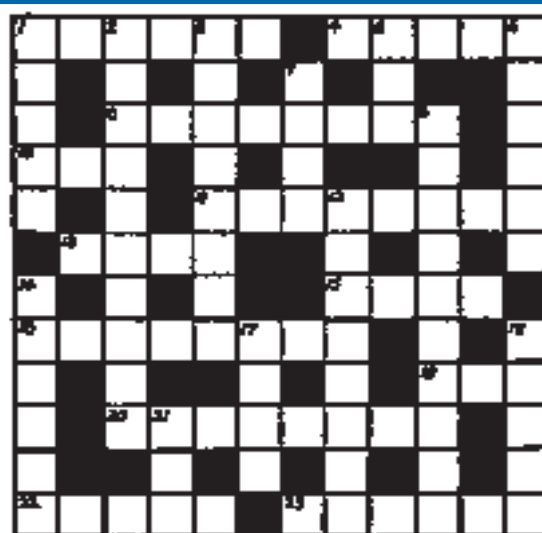
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Across

1. Make less of the subject of Mussolini. (6)
4. Sit lightly on the fish? (5)
8. Put your foot there, and get a move on. (4,2,2)
10. Take the chair if it's been altered. (3)
11. A communist's pie made from a bird. (8)
13. The girl's got nothing for her idol. (4)
15. Extraordinarily flat. (4)
16. Quite sure the photo's showing the picture? (8)
19. Way to leave bad small with writing stuff. (3)
20. Love it returning in county – real love. (8)
22. Avoid being given notice in late part of the day. (5)
23. Hunted in relief. (6)

Down

1. Get up holding a wage that's gone up. (5)
2. Girl suffering from strain – really anguished. (10)
3. Get rid of rubbish, then scam. (5,3)
5. Priest appears in part of the service we like. (3)
6. The man has skills to make a suit. (6)
7. Admiral's at the Cape. (4)
9. Traffic twists and turns like overseas currents. (5,5)
12. Embarrassed to look somewhat like farm animal. (8)
14. Pixy producing malice around the river. (6)
17. In charge of working figure? (4)
18. Sent a ball really high that travelled over mountains? (5)
21. Aga leaves a list of things to do, to finish. (3)



■ **Solution to 2093 – Across:** 1 Gargles, 4 Cock, 6 African, 9 Elated, 11 Sable, 12 Trauma, 15 Outing, 18 Arena, 19 Ealing, 21 Satsuma, 23 Amos, 24 Scarlet. **Down:** 1 Gladstone, 2 Rarebit, 3 Era, 4 Canada, 5 Cure, 7 Clean, 8 Nest, 10 Draw apart, 13 Roast, 14 Unequal, 16 Idiots, 17 Gags, 20 Adam, 22 Arc.

your stars with Russell Grant

Arise March - April

You're starting to wonder if you are on the right career path. A new direction will be difficult but worthwhile. You've been blessed with an entrepreneurial spirit. Starting your own firm is a distinct possibility. Ultimately, you can make a success of anything.

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Tarotians April - May

Even though you're a creature of habit, you aren't immune to adventure. If you're in a rut, this is a great time to make a huge transition. Travelling, writing, or going back to school will be wonderfully enriching. It could put you on the path of romance.

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T.T. Connors May - June

A possible affair with someone sexy causes you to see yourself in a whole new light. You may be inspired to undergo an elaborate program of self improvement. Losing weight, breaking a bad habit, or forging a more fulfilling life are among the possibilities.

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Cancer June - July

Finding out what makes each other tick can greatly improve your relationship. You're willing to make changes to strengthen the bonds and so is your other half. An inspiring teacher could come into your life, encouraging you to take up an unusual subject.

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Leo July - August

This week is wonderful for embarking on a whole new routine. Improving your diet and launching an exercise routine will both pay off handsomely. If your job has been jeopardising your health, you need to find another situation.

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Virgo August - September

You've always prided yourself on being a practical, responsible person, but now you suspect you've been missing out on life. Travelling to an exotic country or taking up a daring hobby may stir things up every now and again.

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Libra September - October

Launching a home renovation will be stressful but rewarding. Your first order of business is to find another place to live while all this work is being done. A sensitive creature like you can't handle all of that sawing, hammering, and dust.

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Scorpio October - November

Your words have tremendous power so watch what you say to an impressionable youngster. If you keep projecting your fears, they'll start thinking like you. Do you want to leave that legacy? Get into the habit of optimism and constructive criticism.

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Sagittarius November - December

Starting a secret stash of cash may appeal to you. Having a year's worth of salary tucked into savings is liberating. You'll be much less prone to stay in a troubled relationship or stick with a terrible job if you have the means to strike out alone.

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Capricorn December - January

Status has always been very important to you. Without it, you worry that people won't respect you. But the truth is different. People love you for who you are, not what you do. Ditch status symbols like a snake sheds its skin. True mates will stand firm.

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Aquarius January - February

Retreating to a quiet, private place puts you back in touch with your true self. Recently, your identity has been wrapped up in your social circle. Now you're starting to realise there are profound differences between you and your friends.

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Pisces February - March

If you've been hanging around pessimists, their attitude will cloud your view. Perhaps you'd be better going it alone for a bit. When left to your own devices, your true spirit will shine through. Soon, you'll attract people who enjoy your boundless optimism.

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Inkheart (PG): Daily except Thu (Dec 25) noon.

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Four Christmases (12A): Daily except Wed & Thu (Dec 25) 9.15pm; Daily except Thu (Dec 25) 2.30pm, 4.45pm, 7pm.
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A Bunch Of Amateurs (15): Daily except Wed & Thu (Dec 25) 9pm; Daily except Thu (Dec 25) 11.40am, 2pm, 4.20pm, 6.40pm.

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Mamma Mia! Sing-Along (PG): Wed 7.45pm.

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Quantum Of Solace (12A): Fri & Sat 10.05pm.

City Of Ember (PG): Daily except Thu (Dec 25) 10.40am.

How To Lose Friends And Alienate People (15): Tue 1.20pm.

Frosty return for first ice maiden

By Nik Shelton

AN ICY visual spectacle for all the family comes to Cambridge's Mumford Theatre this Sunday.

The Proteus Theatre company have become renowned for their annual family stage shows which breathe new life into traditional tales and are following up last year's *Beauty and the Beast* with a retelling of *The Snow Queen*.

"I was looking for something that was visually interesting and with a title people know," says director Mary Swan. "We've had a really good response from the audience, although it's not a pantomime there's lots of audience participation."

The Hans Christian Andersen tale follows the adventures of young Gerda as she searches for her friend Kay, trapped in the palace of the evil queen. It is Andersen's longest story and has inspired films, animations and ballets over the years.

Mary says: "It's actually quite a complicated story.

"It's always a nice idea to give a sense of setting and time and a reason for telling the story and for this one we have set it in a lost property office in a 1940s railway station so it is kind of a story within a story.

"Kay is taken off to the palace and the story is basically about Gerda's searches for him so it is all to do with displacement and being lost. This idea of children being displaced led us to the 1940s and evacuees, which is quite prescient with a lot of children being displaced in



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conflicts around the world. "A lot of youngsters learn about evacuees at school so we knew they would get the place and time quickly."

By modern standards many of Andersen's tales can seem rather grisly and are often altered in adaptations for today's audiences. Seeking inspiration from the original texts proved an eye opener for the team.

"This one isn't too gruesome but it's got religious overtones in it and there's also some moments that are just plain odd," says Mary.

■ *The Snow Queen* plays at the Mumford on Sunday at 2.30pm and 5.30pm. Tickets are £6.50-£8.50. To book call 0845 1962320.

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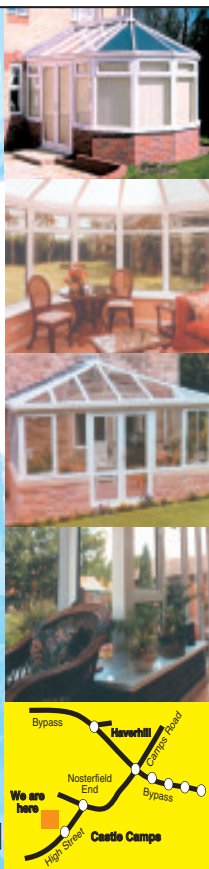


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6.10 **Out-Take TV.**
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7.55 **The National Lottery Draws. Josh Groban performs.**
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9.00 **Strictly Come Dancing.** The couples pull out all the stops to impress, before the votes are counted to reveal this year's champions.
9.45 **Outnumbered.** Six-year-old Karen becomes preoccupied with Satan.
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1.20 **Sign Zone: Nigella's Christmas Kitchen.**

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- 8.00 The Secret Show.
- 8.15 Sportsround.
- 8.30 Watch My Chops.
- 8.40 Bernard.
- 8.45 Bear Behaving Badly.
- 9.10 Help! Teach Is Coming to Stay.
- 10.10 New Scooby-Doo.
- 10.30 ChuckleVision.
- 11.00 Doctor Who – The Infinite Quest.
- 11.50 FILM: Tim Burton's The Nightmare Before Christmas (1994).
Animated fantasy.
- 1.00 Natural World.
- 1.50 FILM: Mrs Palfrey at the Claremont (2005).
Comedy.
- 3.30 Strictly Come Dancing – It Takes Two.
- 4.30 Live Snooker: UK Championship.
- 5.00 A Wild Cairngorms Winter.
- 5.30 FILM: Dad's Army (1971).
- 7.00 Live Snooker: UK Championship.
- 9.10 Porridge.
- 9.40 Have I Got a Bit More News for You.
- 10.25 FILM: V for Vendetta (2005). Futuristic thriller.
- 12.25 Never Mind the Buzzcocks.

ANGLIA

- 6.00 GMTV.
9.25 CITV: Captain Mack.
9.40 Ernu.
9.55 My Parents Are Aliens.
10.55 My Life As a Popat.
11.55 Finger Tips.
12.05 Tricky Quickies.
12.10 ITV News and Weather.
12.20 Anglia News and Weather.
12.25 Coronation Street.
2.40 FILM: Honey (2003).
Premiere. Drama, starring Jessica Alba.
4.30 Britannia High: Behind the Scenes.
5.30 Britannia High Finale.
6.35 Anglia News and Weather.
6.45 ITV News and Weather.
6.55 You've Been Framed!
7.25 Harry Hill's TV Burp.
7.55 All Star Mr & Mrs Christmas Special. With Boyzone singer Ronan Keating and his wife.
8.55 For One Night Only.
9.55 FILM: Mission: Impossible 2 (2000).
Secret agent Ethan Hunt hunts down a criminal intent on unleashing a deadly virus.
10.55 ITV News and Weather; Weather.
11.10 FILM: Mission: Impossible 2 (2000).
Concluded.
12.25 Nightwatch with Steve Scott; Emergency.

CHANNEL 4

- 6.00 **The Treacle People.**
- 6.10 **The Hoobs.**
- 7.00 **Goalissimo.**
- 8.00 **The Morning Line.**
- 8.55 **T4: unsignedAct.**
- 9.55 **T4: Friends.**
- 10.25 **T4: 4Music Top Tunes of 2008.**
- 11.30 **T4: Friends.**
- 12.00 **T4: Bedtime Stories: T4 Movie Special.**
- 12.30 **T4: 101 Challenges.**
- 1.20 **T4: Australia: T4 Movie Special.**
- 1.55 **Channel 4 Racing.**
- 3.55 **Supernanny USA.**
- 4.45 **FILM: Bugsy Malone (1976).** Musical spoof.
- 6.30 **Channel 4 News.**
- 6.55 **Come Dine with Me at Christmas.**
- 8.00 **Willie's Perfect Chocolate Christmas.** Chocolate-maker Willie Harcourt-Cooze prepares festive recipes.
- 9.00 **FILM: A Knight's Tale (2001).** A poverty-stricken squire poses as a knight. Comedy as nature, starring Heath Ledger.
- 11.35 **FILM: Hidden (2005).** Thriller. A Parisian family's life is turned upside down when they receive videos which reveal they are under constant surveillance.
- 1.50 **Pagans.**

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- 6.00 Sunrise.
7.00 Harry and His Bucket.
7.10 Chiro.
7.20 Milkshakel Music Box.
7.30 Hana's Helpline.
7.40 Bottle Top Bill.
7.55 Little Princess.
8.15 Franny's Feet.
8.30 The Beeps.
8.50 The Mr Men Show.
9.00 Rupert Bear.
9.15 The Milkshakel Show.
9.45 Roobarb and Custard.
10.00 The Gadget Show.
11.00 World's Strongest Man Super Series.
12.00 Trial of the Knights Templar.
1.00 Zoo Days.
1.30 FILM: Salt Water Moose (1996). Drama.
3.30 FILM: Single Santa Seeks Mrs Claus (2004).
5.10 FILM: Farscape: The Peacekeeper Wars (2004). Sci-fi adventure.
7.45 Five News and Sport.
8.00 NCIS. A commanding officer goes on the run.
9.00 CSI: NY. A murder victim is discovered with her eyelids removed.
10.00 CSI: NY. Stella's DNA is linked to a cold homicide case.
11.00 Law & Order: Criminal Intent. A man is murdered by cult members.
12.00 Quiz Call.

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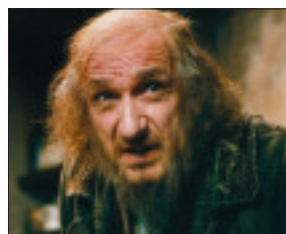
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SUNDAY

BBC1

- 8.00 Breakfast.**
7.45 Match of the Day.
9.00 The Andrew Marr Show.
10.00 Christmas Voices.
11.00 FILM: Spirit: Stallion of the Cimarron (2002).
Animated adventure.
12.20 BBC News: Weather for the Week Ahead.
12.35 Keeping Up Appearances.
1.35 EastEnders.
3.25 Dustbin Baby.
4.55 Lifeline.
5.05 Songs of Praise.
5.40 BBC News: Regional News; Weather.
6.05 After You've Gone.
6.45 Antiques Roadshow.
Prince Charles guests in a special edition from Dumfries House.
7.45 Lark Rise to Candleford.
The residents are captivated by a beguiling, barefoot girl called Cinderella Doe.
9.00 Casualty. Jessica is rushed into resus.
10.00 BBC News: Weather.
10.20 Match of the Day 2.
11.20 FILM: Face/Off (1997)
An FBI agent is forced to swap faces and identities with a comatose master criminal to infiltrate his organisation.
1.35 Sion Zone: Holby City.

BBC2

- 6.00 **CBeebies: Balamory.**
- 6.20 **Teletubbies.**
- 6.45 **64 Zoo Lane.**
- 7.00 **CBBC: Bernard.**
- 8.00 **Arthur.**
- 9.00 **The Sarah Jane Adventures.**
- 10.05 **FILM: That Dam Cat!**
(1985). Disney comedy.
- 12.00 **Natural World.**
- 1.00 **Olympia Horse Show.**
- 3.00 **Live Snooker: UK Championship.** Opening session of the final.
- 6.20 **Dad's Army.** Frazer is unable to hide his delight when Captain Mainwaring's disreputable brother gatecrashes a sherry party for local dignitaries.
- 7.00 **Top Gear.** James May learns about the hydrogen-fuelled Honda Clarity.
- 8.00 **Live Snooker: UK Championship.** The concluding session of the final at the Telford International Centre.
- 11.00 **Have I Got News for You.** Jeremy Clarkson guest hosts.
- 11.30 **Graham Norton Uncut.** With Lead Balloon star Jack Dee.
- 12.15 **Horses.**

ANGLIA

- 6.00 GMTV.
9.25 CITY: Bernard.
9.40 CITV: Quickies.
9.45 The Championship.
10.45 Lewis Hamilton – World Champion.
11.45 ITV News; Weather.
11.50 **Anglia News**; Weather.
11.55 **FILM: Curly Sue (1991).** Family comedy.
1.55 **FILM: Casper (1995).** Family comedy.
3.45 **FILM: ET: The Extra-Terrestrial (1982).** Sci-fi fantasy.
6.00 **Anglia News and Weather Week.**
6.15 **ITV News and Weather.**
6.30 Alan Titchmarsh at Christmas. Music, celebrity chat and tributes to people who have shown great courage or charity.
7.30 **You've Been Framed! Christmas Special.**
8.00 **The Royal.** As the staff come to terms with the recent tragic events, a shooting incident on the moors leaves Ormerod and Bobby in danger.
9.00 **Clash of the Santas.** One-off comedy drama.
11.00 **ITV News and Weather; Weather.**
11.15 **Britain's Love Story.**
12.15 **Little Town of Bethlehem.**

CHANNEL 4

- 8.20 Inuk.
6.35 The Hoobs.
7.00 Transworld Sport.
7.50 Adrenalin Rush.
8.20 Freesports on 4.
8.50 T4: Friends.
9.50 T4: Hollyoaks.
12.20 T4: unsignedAct.
1.25 T4: Relentless.
2.15 T4: The Green Room:
Christmas Special.
3.20 T4: Friends.
3.50 T4: The Simpsons.
4.20 Deal or No Deal:
Scrooge v Santa.
5.10 Christmas at River
Cottage.
6.10 Channel 4 News.
6.30 FILM: Oliver Twist
(2005). Premiere.
Adaptation of the
Charles Dickens' novel.
Starring Ben Kingsley.
9.00 The Sunday Night
Christmas Project.
Festive edition of the
entertainment show.
10.00 The Charlotte Church
Nutoracking Christmas
Special.
11.10 Russell Brand's
Christmas Ponderland.
11.45 The IT Crowd. Jen
introduces the guys to a
social networking
website.
12.15 4Music: Spectacle: Elvis
Costello with Rufus
Wainwright.

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- 6.05 Bird Bath.
6.10 Softies.
6.15 Look!
6.20 Angels of Jarn.
6.30 Elmo's World.
6.45 Harry and His Bucket.
7.00 Chiro.
7.05 Milkshakel Music Box.
7.15 Rupert Bear.
7.30 Hana's Helpline.
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Christmas Special.
9.40 Mist: Sheepdog Tales.
9.55 Bert and Ernie.
10.00 Animal Rescue Squad.
10.20 Live FIFA Club World
Cup Final.
12.50 Police Interceptors.
1.50 Megastructures.
2.50 Zoo Days.
3.00 FILM: The Man Who
Saved Christmas (2002).
Fact-based drama.
4.55 Five News and Sport.
5.15 FILM: Father Hood
(1993). Action, starring
Patrick Swayze.
7.00 FILM: Christmas with
the Kranks (2004).
Comedy, starring Jamie
Lee Curtis.
9.00 Greatest Christmas
Comedy Moments.
12.00 30 Rock.
12.30 Prison Break.

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
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ATTRACTIVE divorcee, 58, brunette, N/S, likes home life, TV, gardening, days out, seeks genuine, caring male for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0905 436 0408 Box No: 268772

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
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THE cost of fuel is the single biggest influence on motorists' adoption of "greener" driving behaviours, according to RAC's latest *Report on Motoring*.

Unsurprisingly in a year when drivers have been hit by record fuel prices, the report reveals motorists are more focused on saving the pound in their pocket than saving the planet. Over three quarters (77 per cent) say they have changed their driving behaviour due to increase in cost of fuel, with half (49 per cent) citing this as the single factor having the most impact on driving behaviour, compared to just six per cent that have changed their driving habits as a result of concern for the environment.

RAC's Report on Motoring is celebrating its 20th year as the voice of the motorist. This environment report seeks to stimulate the debate on how to make motoring more sustainable, including motorists' perspectives now and what they think should be done for the future.

Motorists are calling for

green incentives to be driven by cost, with over three quarters (77 per cent) of drivers saying they would buy a more environmentally friendly car if the tax incentives were better, up from 66 per cent in 2007.

But despite best intentions for the future, a fifth (22 per cent) of motorists say that they have still not made any changes to the way they drive today. The report reveals this is in part down to confusion over what constitutes eco-friendly driving, with a fifth (21 per cent) admitting they don't know how to be a "greener" driver.

In addition to this, there is a lack of awareness over what causes environmental damage. A quarter (27 per cent) of drivers think that petrol has no or very little impact on the environment and 36 per cent think the same for diesel.

Adrian Tink, RAC Motoring Strategist, comments: "It's clear there is a willingness from motorists to be more eco-friendly, but times are tough and despite fuel prices decreasing in recent weeks, looking after the family budget is still their first

priority. Many motorists also don't know how to be greener, it's a complex issue that even the experts sometimes can't agree on. For now, what motorists can be sure of, is if they concentrate on saving fuel, they'll not only be saving

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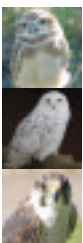
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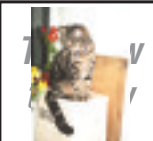
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Golf

Daniels on route to 66 . . .

TIM Daniels was swinging in the rain as the Haverhill club staged medal rounds at the weather-affected Coups Road course. He won the second division in midweek with a 66 – eight shots clear of Rick Baker, who was one shot ahead of David Roope. Peter Garner topped Division One with a 72, from Lee Chandler (74).

However, a strong cold wind blowing across the course gave competitors further problems on Saturday. Results – Division One: J Thomson 70, L Chandler 71, M Klinge 73, G Price 79, W Penman 86. Division Two: S Price 72, B Jones 82, E Nicholas, D Simpson 85, F Smith 87. Division Three: G Cox 75, S Bush, D Chapman 80, G Gallaway 82.



■ MUDLARKS
... Haverhill skipper Harry Marsh (with ball) is supported by Ollie Edwards against Ely. CP

HAVERHILL PAY THE PRICE FOR A BLANK FIRST HALF

HAVERHILL failed to capitalise on their first-half superiority and were punished by Ely's three-try blast in the second half.

On a slippery surface that had miraculously recovered from the senior side's match the previous day, Haverhill pinned Ely back and

Haverhill 0 Ely 19

three times forced them to clear from their own try-line. However, the visitors survived as the match developed into a battle between the two sets of forwards.

And after the break they turned the screw, scoring the opening try after five minutes of pressure.

With only one sub, it was inevitable the Haverhill forwards' heavy workload would start to take a toll and Ely exploited gaps to run in two more tries.

COLTS AND MINI LEAGUE FOOTBALL

Carter blast fires Rovers

Haverhill Rov 15 Milton 0

CAMBRIDGE AND DISTRICT COLTS LEAGUE, UNDER-11C

EVEN with a depleted side because of illness, Rovers went on the rampage against Milton on a sticky pitch.

Alex Carter led the way with five goals as the home side settled into an attacking style that gave the visitors little respite.

Jay Osuchukwu, who scored two in the first half, added another to complete his hat-trick while Callum Dray, Will Bailey, Jack Trowbridge, Rhys Shulver, Ben Eames, Paul Jenkinson and usual keeper Ben Coleman, who converted a penalty, completed the rout.

Grampian Gunners 2 Histon Hornets B 1

CAMBRIDGE AND DISTRICT COLTS LEAGUE, UNDER-15A

JACOB Brown sent Grampian into Christmas in a buoyant mood after scoring the winner two minutes from time.

A brisk five-man move created the opening for Brown and he beat the final defender to finish left-footed into the bottom corner.

Manager Simon Youngs said: "The winning goal was as good as you get at this level, it was one-touch football all the way."

Jordan Jackson made the breakthrough five minutes into the second half, heading in Luke Youngs' cross, but Histon equalised 12 minutes from time through Alex Byford.

West Wrattling 0 Walpole Warriors 4

CAMBS MINI LEAGUE, UNDER-11A

WEST Wrattling knew what they were in for, but were far from over-awed on a bitterly-cold morning at Bull Lane.

They spent long periods in the Walpole half but the visitors managed to take a single-goal lead into half time and two quick goals after the break settled the match.

Man-of-the-match Ellis Wiffen made some good saves before Wrattling recovered

their composure, and was only beaten again late in the game.

Whittlesford 2 Aztecs 8

CAMBS MINI LEAGUE, UNDER-10A

AZTECS took a grip on the game in the first five minutes with two goals from Tyler Thurgood.

The Whittlesford keeper did his best to thwart the Aztecs attack but a right-footed curling shot from Callum Hayes extended the away side's lead.

Luke Wood and Sam Howard made it 5-0 at the break, which seemed to help the home side who began to disrupt their opponents' formation.

It took a superb double save from player-of-the-match Ben Linsdell to repel the home side, but Aztecs counter-attacked well and Toby Goodship fired a rapid hat-trick – the third goal coming from a classy move involving William Savill and Thurgood.

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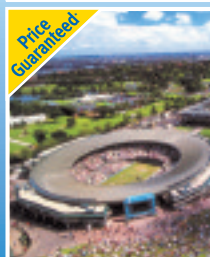
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■ CHRIS SILVERWOOD . . . Off-field role to start with "but he might be able to play one or two games".



We're ambitious, we want to get into Division One and Chris wants to help build Haverhill into a big club. It's a massive lift – Simon Youngs



Simon Youngs

SIMON Youngs thinks Haverhill can swing into the fast lane after securing the services of former England international Chris Silverwood. The vice-captain believes the Middlesex bowler is already making an impact at the club after cajoling his charges into winter training at the gym. Silverwood lives in Withersfield and was keen to get involved after twice watching them in action against star-studded Lashings sides in the last two summers. And Youngs is confident that the paceman – who will take on coaching duties and may play for the team when not required by his county – will make a big impact. He said: "Anyone who knows cricket, knows who Chris Silverwood is. "He'll be supporting the lads at nets and his knowledge of bowling will be second to none, especially for the younger players. "It's not long ago that he was playing for England – it's the equivalent of a local football team getting Paul Scholes to

Silverwood can help us to move forward: Youngs

come and help them out. "It's more of an off-the-field thing to start with, but he might be able to play one or two games for us. It's a massive lift for the club."

Silverwood was plagued by a knee injury for the majority of last season and was restricted to just two County Championship appearances for Middlesex.

But the 33-year-old swing bowler, who played six Tests and seven one-day internationals for England between 1996 and 2002, is close to regaining full fitness. And with Haverhill managing to avoid relegation from the

Marshall Hatchick Two Counties Championship, Division Two last term, Youngs thinks Silverwood's arrival will help them make strides forward.

Youngs said: "We're ambitious, we want to get into Division One and Chris wants to help build Haverhill into a big club.

"There's a lot of potential here as it's a big town and we get about 50 or 60 youngsters coming along to training.

"So it's a great opportunity for the young players and the club to work with Chris – you can't beat it."

FOOTBALL: DEFENDER JOINS ROVERS BATTLE TO STAY IN RIDGEONS LEAGUE'S TOP FLIGHT

Hughes next for Betts' survival bid



■ LUKE HUGHES . . . the former Cambridge City player has joined Haverhill Rovers from Enfield.

HAVERHILL Rovers boss Peter Betts has continued to add to his squad, signing Luke Hughes from Ryman League side Enfield Town.

Hughes comes with a lot of experience, having played for Cambridge City, Thurrock and AFC Sudbury and Betts believes he will be a key player in the coming weeks.

Comfortable at either right-back or left-back, as well as capable of slotting into midfield, Hughes was expected to make his debut in last night's Ridgeons League, Premier Division match at Histon reserves.

However, he did not get the chance as Rovers' trip was postponed and he is now likely to

line up against Tiptree United on Saturday.

Betts said: "He's a good signing for us. He brings that extra bit of quality which we need.

"You can see it in training, he's technically very good. I want us to play a certain way and he will fit in with that. We're starting to get close now to having a squad that can do that."

Betts said he may consider one more signing before the end of the week but is now happy with the squad he has.

With Rovers seven points adrift at the bottom of the table – their game last weekend against Needham Market was lost to the weather – Betts knows it is vital his team starts picking up

maximum points, starting with the trip to Tiptree.

"We did well against them at home and probably should've won the game.

"We generally do well at Tiptree and I can't see any reason why we can't go there and get a result.

"It's massively important we start picking up points. The quicker we get a win the better. The longer we go without the harder it gets.

"We've got a hard set of matches out of the way and we've got a run of games coming up now where we should do better.

"The games over Christmas, New Year and early February are vital and will shape the rest of the season."

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wisbech Town	18	5	3	10	27	40	18
Woodbridge Tn	18	4	5	9	25	34	17
Norwich Utd	18	4	5	9	20	30	17
Haverhill Rovers	19	2	4	13	18	54	10

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